



Court leak is catnip for those who love a juicy D.C. whodunit

By NANCY BENAC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington loves a whodunit. And the latest one comes with the stunning plot twist of a leak from the famously buttoned-up Supreme Court.

The publication this past week of a draft opinion that said *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 decision establishing a constitutional right to abortion in the United States, was wrong from the start and should be overruled, has set off sleuthing from every corner of the capital.

Who could possibly be behind such a glaring breach of trust? Why did that person choose to leak the draft? Why did that person choose a reporter from *Politico*? Who will investigate the matter? Will there be consequences? What will the court's ultimate opinion say?

Washington, by nature, abhors a vacuum. So the two months before the court actually issues a final ruling will be filled with guesses, surmise, false starts — and maybe even the truth about who is behind the leak.



Former FBI officials, Mark Felt, left, and Edward S. Miller, appear at a news conference, April 15, 1981, after learning that President Reagan had pardoned them from their conviction of unauthorized break-ins during the Nixon administration's search for opponents during the Vietnam War. Felt revealed himself as "Deep Throat" 30 years after he tipped off Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein in the Watergate investigation and the wrongdoing by President Richard Nixon and his allies.

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It's an intrigue in the tradition of Watergate's "Deep Throat" — one of Washing-

ton's best-kept secrets for more than three decades; of Iran-Contra, with classi-

fied documents spirited out in a secretary's undergarments; of "Primary Colors," a

roman à clef about a certain Southern governor.

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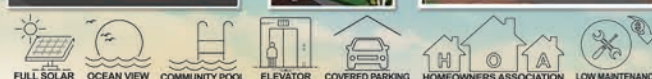
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The Trump era provided almost an entire genre. Among them: an unidentified whistleblower's complaint about Donald Trump's phone call with the president of Ukraine and the writings of "Anonymous," a senior administration official who only stayed

anonymous for about two years after he wrote an opinion piece and subsequent book slamming the president. The Supreme Court leak is "up there with the most important disclosures of this century and the last century — maybe ever," said Danielle Brian, executive

director of the private Project on Government Oversight. "It ranks, certainly, with the Pentagon Papers and Wikileaks and Deep Throat." While leaks spout daily in gossip Washington, the explosive revelation of a draft opinion that would overturn the 1973 decision



Fawn Hall, former secretary to ousted National Security Council Lt. Col. Oliver, speaks to reporters outside her lawyers' office in Washington on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1987.

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creating a nationwide right to abortion has captivated the city.

The hunt for the high court leaker is afoot. Chief Justice John Roberts has ordered an investigation into what he called an "egregious breach of trust." Amateur detectives have been eagerly trading theories on social media.

Is it even possible to keep this kind of secret in Washington anymore?

"Of course not," said Eric Dezenhall, a crisis communications expert who has watched decades of leaks play out in the capital.

"Very few people who leak truly just keep it to themselves," Dezenhall said. "There's always a conversation that says, 'You have to swear not to tell anybody this' — and that's the beginning of the end."

He added that there's often a psychic — and financial — incentive to make oneself known as a figure in history.

"The endgame is a book deal, a movie deal, being on TV," he said.

Even when leakers are circumspect about their

doings, there's the dicey matter of digital footprints, which make it far easier for leak hunters to track down modern sources of information than it was in the past.

"The way some sources have been able to maintain their anonymity has been really impacted by the age of surveillance and technology tracking, so it's possible that we will find out who it is," said Brian, who laments a "reflexive instinct" within government to go after leakers and clamp down on information.

Big secrets in Washington have a way of eventually coming out, one way or another. The identity of Deep Throat, the source who guided Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein in the Watergate investigation, wasn't known until 2005, when a 91-year-old former FBI official, W. Mark Felt, revealed that he was the one who used to meet the reporters in an underground parking garage at 2 a.m. to share tips about how to unravel wrongdoing by President Richard Nixon and his allies. □

St. Louis seeking to boost population with Afghan refugees

By JIM SALTER

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Inamullah Niazaï sits on the front porch step of his red-brick St. Louis home and smiles at the bustle of activity around him — his mother and father chatting in the front yard, his two young daughters munching chocolate ice cream bars.

"Anything is possible here," Niazaï, 23, said. "We are so lucky that my family can be here, together."

An aggressive effort in St. Louis is trying to lure Afghan refugees like Niazaï. About 600 have arrived so far and another 750 are expected later this year.

Civic leaders are hopeful that over the next few years, thousands more will decide to relocate to the Midwestern city, helping to offset seven decades of population loss and rejuvenate urban neighborhoods — just as the arrival of Bosnian refugees did three decades ago.

It's been nearly nine months since the Afghan capital of Kabul was ceded to the Taliban. Since last summer, more than 76,000 Afghan refugees have relocated to the U.S. While California and Texas have taken in most of the displaced Afghans, many will eventually



Inamullah Niazaï speaks during an interview Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in St. Louis.

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go elsewhere.

In the 1990s, St. Louis became America's most popular landing spot for Bosnians displaced by war in the former Yugoslavia. Among the estimated 300,000 who fled to the U.S., some 40,000 now call St. Louis and the region home. They revitalized an area of the city's south side that is now often referred to as Little Bosnia. The area features Bosnian-owned markets, coffee shops, auto

repair shops and other businesses. They have their own online newspaper, their own chamber of commerce.

The Bosnians also provided a badly needed population boost in a city that's been losing people at an alarming rate, dropping from a peak of over 850,000 in 1950 to just under 300,000 today.

St. Louis' Afghan Resettlement Initiative is backed by over \$1 million in donations

and more than 800 volunteers, and it has support from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis, the International Institute of St. Louis and other nonprofit groups. Advocates say they've received no opposition to their efforts.

Jerry Schlichter, an attorney who is the organizer and a major funder, said the initiative helps find housing and jobs, connects new arrivals to training such as classes on computer coding, and

provides grants for business startups.

The St. Louis effort also provided money to establish an online Afghan newspaper, a chamber of commerce and a community center.

"There's a mutual need. We have been stagnant," Schlichter said. "With this one-time opportunity with Afghan refugees ending up somewhere in this country, we should take advantage of it."

Arrey Obenson, president and CEO of the International Institute of St. Louis, said he's confident that the new refugees will revitalize neighborhoods, just as the Bosnians did.

"The reality of the circumstance we face is that if we look at St. Louis city and the rate the population is declining, we have to find a way to bring people into the community to turn that around," Obenson said.

St. Louis isn't the only city with a declining population trying to attract Afghan refugees.

Detroit also reached its population apex in 1950, when 1.85 million people lived there. Today, the population has dropped by two-thirds, to about 640,000. □

Fire at Wisconsin anti-abortion office investigated as arson

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Arson investigators were probing a fire Sunday inside the headquarters of anti-abortion group Wisconsin Family Action, where someone had spray-painted a message outside the building.

Madison police spokeswoman Stephanie Fryer told the Wisconsin State Journal that the fire reported shortly after 6 a.m. Sunday in Madison was suspicious in nature. Federal officials and the Madison Fire Department are helping with the investigation.

No one was injured, and officials were still working to determine how much damage the fire caused. It wasn't immediately clear who vandalized the building, but the message "If

abortions aren't safe than you aren't either" was spray-painted on the building.

"It appears a specific nonprofit that supports anti-abortion measures was targeted," Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes said in a statement.

The president of the lobbying group, Julaine Appling, said she considers the fire a "direct threat against us" given that it happened just a few days after a draft of a U.S. Supreme Court opinion was leaked suggesting the court may soon overturn the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in this country. She said people could have been hurt if they had been working in the office at the time. "This is the local manifestation of the anger and the

lack of tolerance from the pro-abortion people toward those of us who are pro-life," Appling said, who said investigators found the remnants of at least one Molotov cocktail.

Appling said her group won't be intimidated by the vandalism.

"We will repair our offices, remain on the job, and build an even stronger grassroots effort," Appling said. "We will not back down. We will not stop doing what we are doing. Too much is at stake."

Wisconsin politicians from both parties, including Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, swiftly criticized the vandalism Sunday. "We condemn violence and hatred in all



Damage is seen in the interior of Madison's Wisconsin Family Action headquarters in Madison, Wis., on Sunday, May 8, 2022.

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forms, including the actions at Wisconsin Family Action in Madison last night," Evers said in a tweet. "We reject violence against any person for disagreeing with another's view. Violence is not

the way forward. Hurting others is never the answer." Johnson said the actions shouldn't be tolerated.

"This attack is abhorrent and should be condemned by all," Johnson said. □

Dangerous winds, wildfire conditions returning to New Mexico

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP) — After a few days of calm allowed some families who had fled wildfires raging in northeast New Mexico to return to their homes, dangerous winds picked up again Sunday, threatening to spread burning embers that could ignite new fires and complicate work for firefighters.

More than 1,500 firefighters were on the fire lines at the biggest blaze east and northeast of Santa Fe, which grew another 8 square miles (20 square kilometers) overnight to an area more than twice as large as the city of Philadelphia.

The area's largest rural town — Las Vegas, New Mexico, population 13,000 — appeared safe for now thanks to fire lines dug by bulldozers and other priority preparations over the past week.

But authorities appealed to residents on the outskirts who've already been ordered to evacuate to delay no longer.

"If things start picking up today as they are expected to do," fire spokesman Todd Abel warned Sunday, and "you are trying to leave the area and we are trying to go in, that obviously causes a lot of problems, congestion, confusion."

A red-flag warning was in effect, kicking off what fire officials predicted would be another "historic, multi-day wind event that could



A flare up near Cleveland, just down 519 from Mora, N.M. darkens the sky on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, where firefighters have been battling the Hermit's Peak and Calf Canyon fire for weeks.

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result in extreme fire behavior."

A few helicopters were able to gather new information from the air on the spread of the flames early Sunday "but they won't be up there very long because of the winds out there," Abel said. "The wind is incredible. It is precedent setting, the amount of wind we are going to have and the duration we are going to have it," he said a briefing Sunday in Las Vegas.

"They are predicting the wind to blow all day today, through the night, all day tomorrow so that is a long time for our fire," he said.

Thousands of residents have evacuated due to flames that have charred large swaths of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in northeastern New Mexico — a total of 275 square miles (712 square kilometers).

The swirling winds gusting up to 50 mph (80 kph) made it difficult to predict where the flames would go later Sunday and into Monday.

Ryan Berlin, fire information officer, said Sunday afternoon the city of Las Vegas itself is "very safe at this point."

"We even started to re-

populate a section of town already," he said. "Our concern right now is on the southwest portion of the fire which the wind is helping us out, sort of, because it's blowing the flames back into the fire."

But Wendy Mason with the New Mexico Forestry Division warned that "by no means" is anyone "out of potential danger."

"Just because the winds are coming from one direction doesn't mean they can't change direction so it's better to be prepared and have residents ready to go," she said.

"Any new fire that starts has

a good potential of becoming extremely active and any ongoing fires we'll also see extreme activity because of this historic combination of fire weather that we're seeing right now," she added.

Abel said the good news was that additional fire crews continue to arrive from around the West.

For many California firefighters backing up local units, the winds in New Mexico are puzzling. Unlike the sustained Santa Ana winds in southern California, the air around the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fires in New Mexico have swirled around and been redirected in complex and changing interactions with the mountains.

"We'll see what happens," said fire battalion chief Ryan Lewis, of Ontario, California, on a rare break with his firefighters at a local hotel that's serving hot meals to fire workers and evacuees.

Nationwide, close to 2,000 square miles (5,180 square kilometers) have burned so far this year, with 2018 being the last time this much fire had been reported at this point, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. And predictions for the rest of the spring do not bode well for the West, where long-term drought and warmer temperatures brought on by climate change have combined to worsen the threat of wildfire. □

NXIVM guru wants new judge to decide evidence planting claim



In this April 13, 2018 courtroom sketch, Keith Raniere, center, attends a hearing at court in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Attorneys for Keith Raniere, the former leader of the cult-like NXIVM group, want a

new federal judge to consider a motion for new trial filed last week that argues federal authorities framed Raniere by planting child pornography on a computer hard drive.

Raniere's lawyers take aim at U.S. District Judge Nicholas Garaufis in new court papers, alleging he showed a "lack of judicial temperament" and "deep-seated, unequivocal hostility" for Raniere throughout the proceedings that landed the disgraced self-improvement guru in federal prison for 120 years for a

sex-trafficking conspiracy. They cited a heated exchange last year in which Garaufis threatened to have one of Raniere's attorneys arrested during a restitution hearing in which Raniere was ordered to pay \$3.5 million to 21 victims, a sum that included the cost of surgically removing scars from branding rituals performed by a secret sorority. "Only a new judge can fairly adjudicate any further issues in this case without these pre-existing biases and prejudices," attorney Joseph Tully

wrote in a motion Friday in Brooklyn federal court. "Anyone who had entered the courtroom and witnessed Judge Garaufis' outrageous comments during trial, at the restitution hearing, or at sentencing, would have concluded that the judge was biased against Mr. Raniere and his counsel."

Federal prosecutors have not yet responded to the motion to disqualify Garaufis. They have denied Raniere's claims of government tampering with evidence. □

N.Ireland parties urged to work together after Sinn Fein win

By SYLVIA HUI

LONDON (AP) — The U.K., U.S. and Irish governments have urged rival parties in Northern Ireland to come together to resurrect its power-sharing government after Irish nationalist party Sinn Fein scored a historic victory to become the biggest party in Northern Ireland's Assembly.

Sinn Fein, which seeks union with Ireland, won 27 seats in the 90-seat legislature, beating the Democratic Unionist Party, which secured 25 seats. It's the first time in Northern Ireland's history that an Irish nationalist party has topped the voting.

But it's not clear whether Sinn Fein will lead a new government because of Northern Ireland's delicate power-sharing politics and ongoing tussles over the legacy of Britain's exit from the European Union.

While Sinn Fein's vice-president Michelle O'Neill now has the right to the post of first minister, a functioning Northern Ireland Executive — or devolved government — cannot be formed unless the largest unionist party agrees to join in the



Sinn Fein's Michelle O'Neill speaks after topping the poll at the Medow Bank election count centre on Saturday, May, 7, 2022, in Magherafelt, Northern Ireland.

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role of deputy first minister. In February the DUP's Paul Givan quit as first minister in protest against post-Brexit border arrangements, collapsing the Executive. His party has said it will not return to government unless their demands over the customs arrangements are met.

Leaders in London and

Dublin said all parties must now re-establish Northern Ireland's government as soon as possible.

Irish prime minister Micheál Martin said late Saturday that "it is now incumbent on all political parties and elected representatives to deliver on their mandate."

"Power-sharing and principles of partnership, equal-

ity and mutual respect are at the heart of the Good Friday Agreement, through which peace has been secured and progress achieved for almost 25 years," he added. "A new power-sharing Executive is vital for progress and prosperity for all in Northern Ireland."

In London, Northern Ireland

Secretary Brandon Lewis said he will meet with party leaders Monday to discuss how to re-establish a functioning government.

Lewis reiterated his position that the U.K. government would like to reach an agreement with the EU to resolve disputes over post-Brexit rules known as the Northern Ireland Protocol.

The DUP is strongly opposed to the rules, which have imposed customs and border checks on some goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K. Unionists say the new checks have created a barrier between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. that undermines their British identity.

Britain's Conservative government is trying to get the EU to agree to major changes, but negotiations have reached an impasse. "The U.K. government's position is we want to secure a deal with the EU. We're very clear about that," Lewis told the BBC Sunday. "We have worked very hard on that for over a year now across a series of conversations. We made proposals. The EU haven't shown any flexibility." □

Australian leader silent on reaction to feared Chinese base

By ROD MCGUIRK

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— Australia's prime minister on Sunday refused to say how his government might respond if China attempted to establish a military base less than 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) off the Australian coast on the Solomon Islands.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has said that a Chinese naval base on the impoverished South Pacific island nation would be a "red line" for both Australia and the United States. His language was reminiscent to President Barack Obama's declaration in 2012 that the use of chemical weapons by Syrian forces would be crossing a "red line" requiring American military intervention.

Morrison was questioned by a journalist during an

election campaign debate about a recent security pact between China and the Solomon Islands.

Asked what he meant by "red line," he replied: "It means that was something that Australia believes would be completely against our national interest."

"We also believe it will be against the Solomon Islands' national interest and we share that view in a similar language with the United States," Morrison added. Morrison declined to say whether Australia would attempt to blockade any attempt to build a Chinese base. "I think it would be very unwise for any government to speculate around these issues," he said.

"What is necessary in international environments such as this is to be very clear about what the various

partners' positions are. That is United States' position and certainly our position and I believe it is a broader position of the Pacific islanders family as well," he said.

The United States has said it would take unspecified action against the Solomons should the agreement with China pose a threat to U.S. or allied interests.

The Solomon Islands' Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare told Parliament last week that opponents of the security pact had threatened his country "with invasion." On the threat of invasion, Morrison said last week, "none of that's true."

Sogavare has maintained that there would be no Chinese base in his country and China has denied seeking a military foothold in the islands.

A draft of the pact, which



Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison campaigns in Sydney, Thursday, May 5, 2022.

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was leaked online, said Chinese warships could stop in the Solomon Islands for logistical replenishment and China could send police and armed forces there "to assist in maintaining social order." The Solomon Islands and China have not released the final version of the agreement.

Opposition leader Anthony Albanese, who will become prime minister if his center-left Labor Party defeats the ruling conservative coalition in May 21 elections, accused Morrison of a "massive foreign policy failure" in allowing the China-Solomons deal to be sealed. □

Burkina Faso's displaced numbers swell amid jihadi violence

By **SAM MEDNICK**

Associated Press

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP) — Ami Sana

hangs a tattered tarp for a bit of shade where she can rest on a break from pounding stones under the scorching sun.

"The work is hard. It makes my body weak, but what else can I do?" she asked.

The mother of six is one of 2 million people displaced by Burkina Faso's rapidly rising Islamic extremist violence, according to the U.N.

Amid the clamor of clanging pickaxes and falling rocks, Sana has found work in the Pissy granite mine on the outskirts of Burkina Faso's capital, Ouagadougou.

Lifting heavy rocks and hammering them into gravel to sell to construction companies is tough work that doesn't earn her enough to adequately feed or educate her children, Sana said. But it's the best work that she could find.

The rush of civilians from rural villages plagued by extremist violence has put pressure on Burkina Faso's cities.

"Some of the host cities have doubled or tripled in size in the past three years, and their infrastructures are



Men work in a Pissy granite mine in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Monday April 25, 2022.

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often stretched to a breaking point," said Hassane Hamadou, country director for the Norwegian Refugee Council.

"Schools can't absorb all the new children, water points can't provide enough for all. Hundreds of thousands are left without access to an education, clean water or healthcare as a result," he said.

The influx of displaced people is causing competition among the approximately 3,000 people working at the granite mine. At least

500 displaced people started working at the mine last year making it harder for the original miners to earn a living, said Abiba Tiemore, head of the site.

"With more people, it's hard to collect as many rocks and it's impacting our daily income," she said. Miners who used to make approximately \$1 a day say they are now lucky if they make 80 cents.

When it seized power in January, Burkina Faso's ruling junta vowed to stamp out extremist violence but

it has done little about the swelling numbers of displaced.

The government has a responsibility to provide the swelling numbers of displaced with those social services, said Alexandra Larmarche, senior advocate for West and Central Africa for Refugees International. The minister of humanitarian affairs did not respond to a request for comment on the situation.

So far the junta has not succeeded in stemming the extremist violence. In

January, 160,000 people were newly displaced, the second-largest monthly increase in three years, according to a report by international aid groups. Hard-hit areas like the Center North region, which hosts Burkina Faso's largest displaced population, are buckling under the pressure.

"The impact of people moving from their farms into big cities is disorientation (and) the increase of poverty (and) fear," said Abdoulaye Pafadnam, former mayor of Barsalogho, one of the main towns in the Center North region.

The violence is cutting off access for aid groups to reach people in need. Roads that were safe to travel six months ago are lined with explosives and the United Nations had only one helicopter until recently to transport people and aid across the country. The pressure on cities has also started creating rifts between some host and displaced communities. In the northern town of Ouahigouya, people sheltering in a crowded displacement camp said locals chase them from the forest if they try to chop wood for cooking, accusing them of trying to destroy it. □

Costa Rica's new leader takes over with a blast at the past



Costa Rica's former finance minister Rodrigo Chaves speaks to supporters at his headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, after winning a presidential runoff election, Sunday, April 3, 2022.

Associated Press

By **JAVIER CORDOBA**

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Rodrigo Chaves began

a four-year term as Costa Rica's president on Sunday,

taking office with a lengthy list of reproaches for his predecessor and the country's political class while promising great change.

Shortly after being given

the ceremonial presidential sash by outgoing President Carlos Alvarado Quesada, Chaves lashed out at the state of the nation he has been left to lead, complaining of the high cost of living, crime, drug trafficking and long lines at social security offices.

"Not only are we going to put the house in order, we are going to rebuild it!" he vowed. "This is the sign of our times.

It is the urgency for change that cannot be delayed, the cry of a democracy that we will not let disappear!"

He warned that "if the political class fails one more time, the country could fall apart."

He dismissed the idea he

said was held by many that the Central American nation is "ungovernable."

"Look at me as I am, a humble instrument to comply with the mandate of the people, a people who united can achieve the urgent change that history imposes on us," he said in his inaugural address at the national legislature.

The conservative economist, who was briefly finance minister under Alvarado, had cast himself as the outsider in the race, noting that his Social Democratic Progress Party had never won at any level before this year.

The World Bank veteran is hardly a newcomer to the establishment, but in the April 3 election he defeat-

ed a man who was almost a symbol of it: José María Figueres, a former president and son of a three-time president.

Chaves may find governing difficult, however: His party has only 10 of 57 seats in the legislature.

During his campaign he called for lowering the cost of living and after winning, he promised — without giving details — to start with the costs of gasoline, rice and electricity.

Chaves won despite being dogged by a scandal that drove him out of the World Bank, where he was accused of sexual harassment by multiple women, was eventually demoted and then resigned. He has denied the accusations. □





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Havana hotel death toll at 30 as dogs search for survivors

By ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Search crews with dogs on Sunday hunted through the ruins of a luxury hotel in Cuba's capital for survivors of a devastating explosion while officials raised the number of known dead to 30.

The Hotel Saratoga, a five-star 96-room hotel in Old Havana, was preparing to reopen after being closed for two years when an apparent gas leak ignited, blowing the outer walls into the busy, midmorning streets just a block from the country's Capitol building on Friday.

Cuban officials on Sunday raised the known death toll to 30 from 27 even as crews continued to search for victims buried beneath piles of shattered concrete. Several nearby structures also were damaged, including the historic Martí Theater and the Calvary Baptist Church, headquarters for the denomination in western Cuba.

The church said on its Facebook page that the building suffered "significant structural damage, with several collapsed or cracked walls and columns (and) the ceiling partially collapsed," though no church workers were hurt. The Health Ministry said 84 people had been injured in Friday's explosion. The dead included four minors, a pregnant woman and a Spanish tourist, whose



Rescuers advance to help recover a body at the site of Friday's deadly explosion that destroyed the five-star Hotel Saratoga, in Havana, Cuba, Saturday, May 7, 2022.

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companion was seriously injured. The ministry on Sunday also released the names of those who died. Some 24 people remained hospitalized.

On Saturday, a representative of Grupo de Turismo Gaviota SA, which owns the hotel, said 13 of its workers remained missing. Gov. Reynaldo García Zapata said Saturday evening that 19 families had reported loved ones missing and that rescue efforts would continue. Authorities said the cause of the explosion was still under investigation, but

believed it to have been caused by a gas leak. A large crane hoisted a charred gas tanker out of the rubble Saturday. Burials for victims have begun, according to municipal authorities. But some were still waiting for news of missing friends and relatives.

"We are hoping that something will be known about my cousin's mother," Angela Acosta told The Associated Press near the site of the explosion. Her relative, María de la Concepción Alard, lived in an apartment adjacent to the hotel with a black Labrador,

which was rescued along with another dog Sunday. Crews have worked to clean up streets around the hotel and by late Saturday, substantial pedestrian traffic had resumed.

"There are mothers who are without their children today," Matha Verde, a manicurist who was walking near the Saratoga, said Sunday, when Mother's Day was celebrated in Cuba. She said she tells women who lost their sons or daughters in the explosion that they "have to keep going." The explosion added to the woes of a crucial tourism industry that had been stifled

by the coronavirus pandemic as well as tightened sanctions imposed by former U.S. President Donald Trump and kept in place the Biden administration. Those limited visits by U.S. tourists to the islands and restricted remittances from Cubans in the U.S. to their families in Cuba.

Tourism had started to revive somewhat early this year, but the war in Ukraine deflated a boom of Russian visitors, who accounted for almost a third of the tourists arriving in Cuba last year. The Saratoga, which had been closed through the pandemic, was one of the elite lodgings in Havana, often hosting visiting VIPs and celebrities.

Some attention in Cuba began to shift to an official visit by Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who arrived Saturday night at the end of a five-country tour that began in Central America. López Obrador met Sunday with Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel, who awarded him the Order of José Martí "for his great achievements for humanity." It is the most important award the country gives to a foreigner.

Díaz-Canel's office stated in a tweet that López Obrador said he would insist to U.S. President Joe Biden that Cuba not be excluded from the Summit of the Americas it will host in Los Angeles in June. □

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Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.



through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

glass which were the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea

glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side

of the island. Make it a fun family day and game of 'spot the sea glass'!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes. Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem with you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! ☐

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process.

It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass.

The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass. The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks. It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass. Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks were the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear


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Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation organized Train-The-Trainer course for Security Leaders

The Aruba Hospitality and Security Foundation offered an extensive 3-day complimentary Train-the-Trainer course to Security Leaders, Trainers, and Managers with security responsibilities within the private and public sectors.

The Train-the-Trainer course is based on the Israeli security model and teaches the managers how to prepare their teams to recognize threats before they take place.



According to the Chairman of the AH&SF, Dylan Molina, "as Aruba's tourism continues to recover, it is important for the security teams to continue enhancing their skills so they can help prevent crimes. AH&SF is happy to offer this dedicated training program and to observe great participation".



The Train-the-Trainer program was created and led by the American firm Chameleon Associates. Participants received training on how to train department team members in their respective organizations as well as how to conduct vulnerability and threat assessments. Participants re-

ceived a certification at the end of the course following an examination. Certified Trainers are able to enroll their team members in the Chameleon Learning Management System (LMS), which hosts online courses and examinations on the topics covered during the

program. Team members who pass the examination are issued a certificate of completion for "Proactive Security for the Hospitality Industry". AH&SF thanks La Cabana for hosting the 3-day course.

The Aruba Hospitality & Security Foundation was founded by AHATA in collaboration with the Police Department in 2001, with the mission to support safety in the tourism zone. AH&SF projects are financed by the Aruba Tourism Authority, with funds generated by the tourism levy charged to tourists at accommodations. □



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Less immigrant labor in U.S. contributing to price hikes

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI
Associated Press

Just 10 miles from the Rio Grande, Mike Helle's farm is so short of immigrant workers that he's replaced 450 acres of labor-intensive leafy greens with crops that can be harvested by machinery.

In Houston, Al Flores increased the price of his BBQ restaurant's brisket plate because the cost of the cut doubled due to meatpacking plants' inability to fully staff immigrant-heavy production lines. In the Dallas area, Joshua Correa raised prices on the homes his company builds by \$150,000 to cover increased costs stemming partly from a lack of immigrant labor.

After immigration to the United States tapered off during the Trump administration — then ground to a near complete halt for 18 months during the coronavirus pandemic — the country is waking up to a labor shortage partly fueled by that slowdown.

The U.S. has, by some estimates, 2 million fewer immigrants than it would have if the pace had stayed the same, helping power a desperate scramble for workers in many sectors, from meatpacking to homebuilding, that is also contributing to supply shortages and price increases.

"These 2 million missing immigrants are part of the reason we have a labor shortage," said Giovanni Peri, an economist at the University of California at Davis, who calculated the shortfall. "In the short run, we are going to adjust to these shortages in the labor market through an increase in wages and in prices."

The labor issues are among several contributors to the highest inflation in 40 years in the United States — from supply chains mangled by the pandemic to a surge in energy and commodity prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Steve Camarota, a researcher at the Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates for less immigration, believes a spike in



Joshua Correa, left, steadies scaffolding for Samuel as they work at a home under construction in Plano, Texas, Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Associated Press

illegal immigration under President Joe Biden will make up whatever shortfall lingers from the pandemic. He also contends wage increases in low-paying sectors like agriculture are minor contributors to inflation.

"I don't think wages going up is bad for the poor, and I think mathematically it is not possible to drive down inflation by limiting wages at the bottom," Camarota told The Associated Press. Immigration is rapidly returning to its pre-pandemic levels, researchers say, but the U.S. would need a significant acceleration to make up its deficit. Given a sharp decline in births in the United States over the past two decades, some economists forecast the overall pool of potential workers will start shrinking by 2025.

The immigrant worker shortage comes as the U.S. political system is showing less of an appetite for increasing immigration. Democrats — who control all branches of the federal government and more recently have been the party more friendly to immigration — haven't tried to advance major legislation permitting more new residents to the country. A recent Gallup poll showed worries about illegal immigration at a two-decade high. With a tough election

for their party looming in November, Democrats are increasingly divided about the Biden administration's attempt to end pandemic-related restrictions on seeking asylum.

"At some point we either decide to become older and smaller or we change our immigration policy," said Douglas Holtz-Eakin, an economist and former official in President George W. Bush's administration who is president of the center-right American Action Forum. He acknowledged a change in immigration policy is unlikely: "The bases of both parties are so locked in."

That's certainly the case in Republican-dominated Texas, which includes the longest and busiest stretch of the southern border. The Legislature in 2017 forced cities to comply with federal immigration agents seeking people who are in the U.S. illegally. Gov. Greg Abbott sent the Texas National Guard to patrol the border and recently created traf-

fic snarls by ordering more inspections at border ports. The turn against immigration distresses some Texas business owners. "Immigration is very important for our workforce in the United States," said Correa. "We just need it."

He's seeing delays of two to three months on his projects as he and his subcontractors — from drywallers to plumbers to electricians — struggle to field crews. Correa has raised the standard price of his houses from \$500,000 to about \$650,000.

"We're feeling it and, if we're feeling it at the end of the day as builders and developers, the consumer pays the price," said Correa, who spoke from Pensacola, Florida, where he brought a construction crew as a favor to a client whose hasn't been able to find laborers to fix a beach house damaged by Hurricane Sally in 2020.

The share of the U.S. population born in another country — 13.5% in the lat-

est census — is the highest it has been since the 19th century. But even before Donald Trump won the 2016 presidential election vowing to cut immigration, migration to the United States was slowing. The Great Recession dried up many jobs that drew workers to the country, legally or illegally. Rising standards of living in Latin America have prodded more people to stay put — or to return from the United States.

Flores, who runs a chain of Mexican restaurants as well as his barbecue restaurant, said while the COVID-19 pandemic was a bigger shock to his industry, the immigration slowdown has hit it hard — and not just for meatpackers that supply his restaurant's brisket. "You've got a lot of positions that aren't being filled," he said.

He's steadily raised pay, up to \$15 an hour recently. "This is a culmination of years and years," said Flores, who's president of the Greater Houston Restaurant Association.

Helle, who raises onion, cabbage, melons and kale just outside the border town of McAllen, Texas, is also paying more to his workers, who are almost exclusively immigrants. People born in the U.S., he says, won't work the fields regardless of the pay.

Before he could find farmworkers just in the region. Now he's joined a federal program to bring agricultural workers across the border. It's more expensive for him, but he said it's the only way he can keep his crops from spoiling in the ground.

Helle, 60, has farmed the area for decades. "I live 10 miles from the Rio Grande river and I never in my life thought we'd be in this situation." □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE. JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. — MARGARET MEAD

Scorsese presents a buried gem and a pitch for cinema's past



Thelma Schoonmaker appears at the 92nd Academy Awards Nominees Luncheon in Los Angeles on Jan. 27, 2020, left, and Martin Scorsese appears at the 2020 AFI Awards in Los Angeles on Jan. 3, 2020.

Associated Press

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — While Martin Scorsese and Thelma Schoonmaker were holed up in an apartment cutting "Raging Bull" — an intense process that would have consumed the thoughts of most filmmakers — Scorsese told his editor to take a break. He had a movie he needed to show her.

"He said, 'You have to see this one,'" recalls Schoonmaker.

Scorsese was by then already a passionate fan of the films of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger, the British filmmaking duo known as the Archers. He considered Technicolor films like "The Red Shoes," "The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp" and "A Matter of Life and Death" to be masterpieces. But he had held off watching their 1945 black-and-white Scottish romance, "I Know Where I'm Going!" fearing it might be "a lighter picture." Something about that title. And besides, just how many masterworks could Powell and Pressburger have made?

Yet Scorsese was coaxed into screening it with his friend Jay Cocks the night before shooting began on "Raging Bull."

"I couldn't have been more wrong," Scorsese recalled in an email. "It was funny, it was exciting, it was truly mystical and it was deeply stirring. I've seen 'I Know

Where I'm Going!' many times since then — so many times, in fact, that I've almost lost count — and I'm always moved and always surprised every time, and I'm held in suspense right up to those amazing final moments."

On Monday, Scorsese and the film restoration nonprofit he founded, the Film Foundation, will launch a new virtual theater, the Film Foundation Restoration Screening Room. Every month, for one night only, films that have been restored by the Film Foundation will be presented in free online screenings accompanied by discussions from Scorsese and other filmmakers. The screening room begins, naturally, with the restoration of "I Know Where I'm Going!"

Since it was released in the waning days of World War II, "I Know Where I'm Going!" has played a unique role in the hearts of moviegoers. It isn't the most celebrated Powell and Pressburger film, nor is it regularly listed on all-time lists. Instead, it's a movie that tends to be shared moviegoer to moviegoer, like a cherished gift or family treasure. It's a buried gem that anyone who's ever seen it wants to tell everyone about. "You have to see this one" is how most conversations about "I Know Where I'm Going!" begin.

"At the end of the war, people had suffered so much,"

says Schoonmaker, speaking recently by phone. "And here is this movie that lifts your heart."

Shortly after seeing "I Know Where I'm Going," Powell visited Scorsese, who encouraged Schoonmaker to come along to dinner. They hit it off and by 1984 were married. Powell died in 1990; Pressburger in 1988. Ever since, Schoonmaker and Scorsese's have dedicated themselves — when they're not making films (they're currently finishing the edit on "Killers of the Flower Moon," an expansive crime film for Apple about the 1920s murders in Oklahoma's Osage Nation) — to restoring Powell and Pressburger's movies. Scorsese recently signed on to narrate a documentary on their films. For years, Schoonmaker has been combing through Powell's diaries with the hope of publishing them.

"I inherited that," says Schoonmaker, Scorsese's celebrated longtime editor. "Michael, when he died, left a little furnace burning inside of me. What keeps me going is loving and trying to get other people to love his work." How much can come from loving an old movie? For Schoonmaker, the answer is almost everything. Scorsese's passion for the Archers' movies inspired Schoonmaker's own, and in turn led to the love of her life.

"It was Marty's passion for film history that made this all happen," she says, chuckling.

The Film Foundation, which collaborated with the British Film Institute on the "I Know Where I'm Going" restoration, has restored more than 925 films, preserving wide swaths of film history and picking up the slack of many of today's film studios, who have showed less interest in preserving cinema's past than keeping pipelines of new "content" flowing. "At this point, they're not film companies anymore, but vast media conglomerates. □

Brazil's Amazon deforestation hits record for month of April

By **FABIANO MAISONNAVE**
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Deforestation detected in the Brazilian Amazon broke all records for the month of April, and that followed similar new records set in January and February, reflecting a worrisome uptick in destruction in a state deep within the rainforest. Satellite alerts of deforestation for April corresponded to more than 1,000 square kilometers (nearly 400 square miles), the highest figure for that month in seven years of record-keeping and 74% more than the same month in 2021, which was the prior record.

It marked the first time that deforestation alerts have surpassed 1,000 square kilometers during a month in the rainy season, which runs from December to April.

"The April number is very scary. Due to the rain, it is traditionally a month with less deforestation," Suely Araújo, senior public policy specialist at the Climate Observatory, a network of environmental groups, told The Associated Press.

The data come from the Brazilian space agency's Deter monitoring system, and correspond to the first 29 days of April. Full-month figures will be available next week.

Deter data previously showed 430 square kilometers of deforestation this January, more than quadruple the level in the same month last year. In February, it reached 199 square kilometers, up 62% from 2021.

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest and an enormous carbon sink. There is widespread concern that its destruction will not only release massive amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, further complicating hopes of arresting climate change, but also push it past a tipping point after which much of the forest will begin an irreversible process of degradation into tropical savannah. Amazonas state led deforestation in April, over-

taking the states of both Para and Mato Grosso for only the second time on record. That is particularly worrisome, as Amazonas is deep in the rainforest and has remained pristine relative to the so-called arc of deforestation along areas used for agriculture and cattle-raising.

"Amazonas is still a very preserved state. If deforestation explodes there, we will lose control of a region that is outside the traditional deforestation region," Araújo, a former president of Brazil's environment regulator, said by phone.

Amazonas' destruction has been concentrated in the southern part of the state, where President Jair Bolsonaro has promised to pave a 400-kilometer (250-mile) dirt stretch of the BR-319 highway that connects the cities of Manaus and Porto Velho. Anticipation of the paving has generated real estate speculation alongside the highway; land grabbers engage in large-scale deforestation with the expectation that the areas will become legal for agriculture or cattle-raising in the future.

A study released last week by the BR-319 Observatory, a network of environmental non-profits, revealed a nearly 3,000 -kilometer (more than 1,800 mile) network of secondary roads in reach of the highway. The



Krimej Indigenous Chief Kadjyre Kayapo looks out at a path created by loggers on the border between the Biological Reserve Serra do Cachimbo, front, and Menkragnotire indigenous lands, in Altamira, Para state, Brazil, Aug. 31, 2019.

Associated Press

roads are used primarily to get to areas desired by land grabbers and loggers. Historically, the opening and paving of highways has been the main driver of Amazon deforestation. Easier access drives up land value and makes economic activities, especially cattle-raising, viable.

"We need a regional development model that is compatible with environmental protection. The solution is not simply paving roads," Araújo said. Governance needs to change entirely, he said, but the opposite is

happening. "The Amazon is controlled by landowners, illegal loggers and miners. Crime is the reality." □



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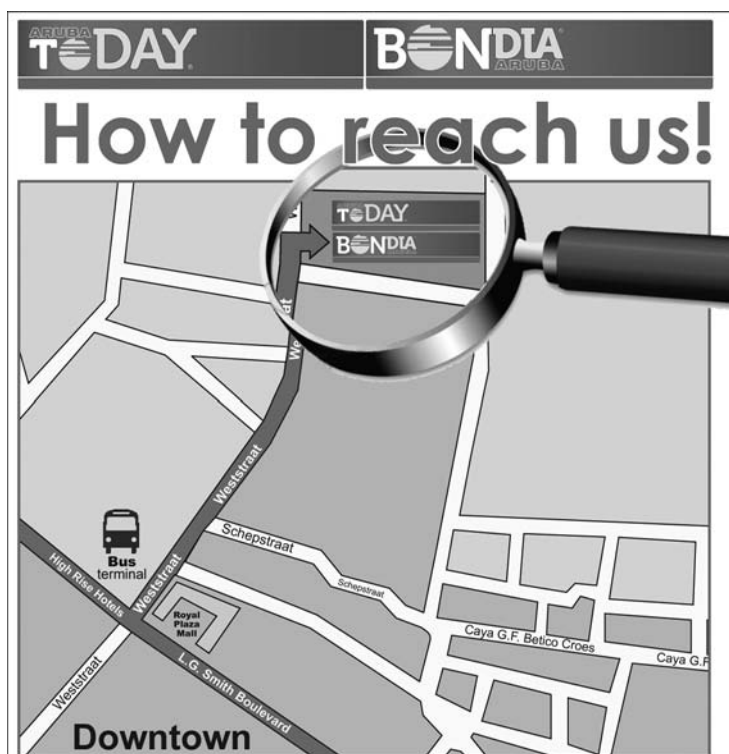
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Impressive Alcaraz wins in Madrid for 4th title of the year

By **TALES AZZONI**

AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — When Carlos Alcaraz played in his first Madrid Open as an 18-year-old, his goal was to gain experience and learn from the top players.

Only a year later, Alcaraz already feels he belongs among the best.

The Spanish teenage sensation capped another impressive week with a straight-set victory over Alexander Zverev on Sunday to win the Madrid Open and become the second-youngest player to win two Masters 1000 titles.

His comfortable 6-3, 6-1 win over Zverev followed victories over his idol Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals and top-ranked Novak Djokovic in the semifinals.

"Last year I was going through these experiences for the first time, playing against the best players, playing in the Masters 1000, and I learned a lot," Alcaraz said. "Now it's different. I go onto the court knowing that I can win, with the confidence that I can win at any moment."

Alcaraz became the youngest winner in Madrid, and the second youngest



Carlos Alcaraz, of Spain, bites the trophy after winning the final match against Alexander Zverev, of Germany, at the Mutua Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Associated Press

to win two Masters 1000 trophies after Nadal won in Monte Carlo and Rome in 2005. Alcaraz had already become the youngest to enter the top 10 since Nadal did it in 2005.

"It feels great to be able to beat these players," the 19-year-old Alcaraz said. "To beat two of the best players in history and then Zverev, the world No. 3. He is a great player. I would

say this is the best week of my life."

It was the seventh straight win over a top-10 player for Alcaraz, and his tour-leading fourth title of the year. He also has the most wins this season with 28, one more than Stefanos Tsitsipas.

Zverev was trying to win his second consecutive Madrid title, and third overall. He had only praise for Al-

caraz after the match.

"Right now you are the best player in the world," Zverev said before the trophy ceremony and joked about his opponent's age. "Even though you are still 5 years old, you are still beating us all, so great to see for tennis that we have such a new superstar who is going to win many Grand Slams, who is going to be No. 1 and is going to win this tour-

namment many times."

Alcaraz had won his first Masters 1000 tournament in Miami earlier this year. He had also won in Rio de Janeiro and Barcelona. His first career title came in Umag last year.

Alcaraz's three losses this season came against Sebastian Korda in Monte Carlo, Nadal in Indian Wells and Matteo Berrettini in the Australian Open.

After long three-set wins over Nadal and Djokovic, the seventh-seeded Alcaraz kept his high energy from the start against Zverev and was in control throughout the match at the "Caja Mágica" center court.

He didn't face any break points and converted four of the eight he had against the second-seeded Zverev. Alcaraz had 11 unforced errors compared to 25 by Zverev.

"I am 19 years old, which I think is the key to be able to play long and tough matches in a row. I am feeling great physically," Alcaraz said.

He said it was special to win in Madrid, where he first started watching tennis at an early age. □

Verstappen cruises to win in inaugural Miami Grand Prix



Red Bull driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands races during the Formula One Miami Grand Prix auto race at the Miami International Autodrome, Sunday, May 8, 2022, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)

— Max Verstappen used an aggressive early pass on Formula One championship leader Charles Leclerc to control the inaugural Miami Grand Prix for his

third victory of the season. The reigning world champion started third Sunday, but Red Bull quickly got the best of Ferrari for a second consecutive race. Leclerc and Carlos Sainz Jr. had locked out the front row

in qualifying for Ferrari, but Verstappen pounced at the start to get ahead of Sainz.

He then set his sights on Leclerc and used a strong outside pass on the ninth lap to claim the lead. Verstappen went unchallenged until a late crash between Lando Norris and Pierre Gasly brought out the safety car and setup a 10-lap sprint to the finish on the 19-turn, 3.36-mile circuit (5.41 kilometers) built around Hard Rock Stadium. Leclerc got a few looks inside but Verstappen didn't relent and the Dutchman won by 3.7 seconds. He also won two weeks ago at Imola as Red Bull capitalized on a poor Ferrari weekend on Italian home soil with a 1-2 finish for Verstappen and Sergio Perez. In Miami, Ferrari settled

for second and third for Leclerc and Sainz.

Perez was fourth for Red Bull and Mercedes showed much improvement with a fifth and sixth place finish for George Russell and Lewis Hamilton. It's the fourth time in five races that first-year Mercedes driver Russell has beaten the seven-time champion.

The race itself wasn't the thriller the 85,000 in attendance Sunday breathlessly expected when they snagged one of the hottest tickets in sports. Promoters never had a general ticket sale because of crushing early demand and the campus surrounding Hard Rock Stadium was the place to party over the last three days.

Whether it was at the man-made beach club where musical acts have enter-

tained since Friday or the "marina" that docked 10 boats on plywood covered in a decal to resemble rippling water, F1 got the sun, sand and Miami backdrop it wanted when it agreed to this 10-year deal.

Come race day, the celebrities were out in full force. Dwyane Wade took selfies on the starting grid and Paris Hilton danced in front of the McLaren garage; Tom Brady, David Beckham and Michael Jordan posed for a pre-race picture with Lewis Hamilton, who hosted former first lady Michelle Obama on Saturday at the track. Serena Williams ducked into Mercedes' hospitality and Puerto Rican rapper Bad Bunny arrived at the venue with Perez and spent most of pre-race at Red Bull with the Mexican driver. □

Alvarez faces questions after first loss in nearly a decade

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Canelo Alvarez paused on his way to the ring to pose with his right fist high in the air, basking in the adulation of thousands of his frenzied fans expecting nothing more on this Cinco de Mayo weekend than another big win by a fighter already considered one of Mexico's all-time greats.

He left 12 rounds later with his first loss in nine years, seemingly as stunned by the unexpected outcome as the sold-out crowd that came to watch.

Dmitry Bivol didn't just beat Alvarez Saturday night at the T-Mobile Arena on the glittering Strip. He gave him a beating in a light heavyweight fight that wasn't nearly as close as the identical 115-113 cards turned in by the three ringside judges.

And now the questions begin. Did Alvarez take too big of a risk moving up to 175 pounds to take on a tough champion in Bivol? Did the loss to the Russian damage the legacy Alvarez has built in the last decade along with his status as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world?

And, perhaps more importantly, what becomes of his third fight with Gennadiy Golovkin, a long-awaited mega bout that now surely won't be happening in September as planned, if at all?

No, one bad night may not wreck Alvarez's career. He has accomplished way too much for that.

But after perhaps his worst outing as a pro, there's work to be done before he's talked about in such elevated terms again.

"You have to expect it. It is boxing. No excuses," said Alvarez, who hadn't lost in 16 fights since dropping a decision in 2013 to Floyd Mayweather Jr. "I lost today and he won. He's a really good fighter."

Bivol was more than that on this night. He was a bigger, slicker fighter who did what Alvarez usually does to his opponents — impose his will on the man across the ring from him.

A 5-1 underdog despite be-

ing an undefeated champion, Bivol consistently beat Alvarez to the punch and wasn't afraid to trade inside with him. He was credited with landing 152 punches to just 85 for Alvarez, and out landed him in every round.

Fighting at 175 pounds always seemed a stretch for Alvarez, who beat Sergey Kovalev in his only other bout at light heavy. Fighting an unbeaten 175-pound champion turned out to be a bridge too far.

"We talked going into this fight how good Dmitry Bivol is, how tough this fight was and it was a punch-perfect performance," said Eddie Hearn, who promotes Alvarez. "He had to box exactly the way he did to win the fight. Did Canelo look



Dmitry Bivol, right, of Kyrgyzstan, throws a punch against Canelo Alvarez, of Mexico, during a light heavyweight title boxing match, Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Las Vegas.

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a little bit flat? Did he look tired? I think it was the brilliance of Dmitry Bivol."

Alvarez admitted in the week before the fight that he was taking a big chance against Bivol but

wanted fights that challenged him. Acutely aware of his legacy — particularly in Mexico — he was confident he could wear Bivol down over the course of the fight, just as he did be-

fore knocking Kovalev out in the 11th round of their 2019 fight. But Kovalev was an aging fighter who was on the downside of his career. Bivol, on the other hand, was unbeaten and had never been in the kind of ring war that wears fighters down.

Instead, it was Alvarez who was marked up and looked the worse for wear when the bell sounded to end the final round. Alvarez said afterward he thought he did enough to win the bout, but the only real question for those watching in the arena and on pay-per-view was how much the judges might be swayed by Alvarez' reputation and the screams of his supporters every time he landed a punch. □

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Start your gastronomic journey with a scrumptious appetizer such as the Maryland Crab Cakes, maybe the Crispy Calamari or the mouthwatering

creamy Garlic Tarragon Shrimp. You can also opt for a classic French Onion Soup, a Lobster Bisque or the famously Water's Edge House Wedge, a crisp wedge of fresh romaine lettuce topped with homemade blue cheese dressing, diced tomatoes, chopped bacon, caramelized pecans and blue cheese crumbles, drizzled with balsamic reduction. This followed by the Chef's special of seafood such as Fresh salmon filet seasoned and grilled, topped with lemon cilantro butter and served with homemade mashed potatoes and fresh asparagus, a nice plate of Ahi Tuna or a succulent pasta dish like the Florentina Fettuccine Alfredo. Meat Lovers will have their fix with choices of a devourable 22oz. Bone-In "Tomahawk" Rib-Eye, pan seared in garlic infused oil and finished in the oven or our juicy N.Y Strip Loin, seasoned & grilled. All our steaks options are seasoned with a blend of kosher salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Served with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetables and a choice of red wine reduction, green peppercorn demi glace, mushroom sauce, or bacon blue cheese butter. For extra sides the options are delectable. Fresh asparagus, seasonal vegetables, mashed or baked potatoes, fries or rice and beans. Combine

your personal choice with one of the most exclusive wine from the great selection of international wines to compliment your dish. Kids will enjoy every item of the specially compiled kids menu and there are also optional dishes for all vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free guests. To end the culinary voyage with some luscious sweetness, the desserts are wild. From a piece of coconut flan, NY cheese cake, carrot cake, chocolate brownie or our classic Tiramisu with kahlua and amaretto served with chocolate sauce and coffee jelly. Not to mention the fresh and light piece of key lime pie.

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